

APPLICATION FOR MEMBERSHIP ON THE SIXTH CIRCUIT
CRIMINAL JUSTICE ACT PANEL

To be considered for membership on the Criminal Justice Act (CJA) panel for the Sixth Circuit Court of Appeals, an attorney must be a member in good standing of the Court's bar, must have a demonstrated knowledge of and experience with federal criminal law and appellate procedure, and must have a commitment to indigent criminal defense. CJA counsel must be willing to accept at least one appointment per year.

To apply for membership on the Sixth Circuit CJA Panel, submit the following materials, in .PDF format, by e-mail attachment to **CJA-Panel-Applications@ca6.uscourts.gov**.

- A completed application
- A current resume
- A recent (within 18 months) appellate brief you authored. If you do not have an appellate brief, submit a comparable sample that you have authored.

Attach additional pages as needed. Direct any questions regarding this application to the Clerk of Court at 513-564-7000. **Incomplete applications will not be considered.**

1. Contact Information

Name

Firm Name

Office Address:

E-mail (primary):

E-mail (secondary):

Office Number:

Cellular Phone:

Facsimile Number:

Preferred Contact Method: Phone E-mail

2. Education

List the undergraduate, graduate, and law schools attended, including dates of graduation:

Law school honors:

3. Bar Admissions

List each court, date of admission, and state bar registration number (if applicable):

4. Disciplinary Action

Have you ever been disciplined, or are you the subject of any pending disciplinary proceeding, in the bar of any court (state or federal)? Yes No

If yes, provide details. You may attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

Has any court ever held that you provided ineffective assistance of counsel?

Yes No

If yes, provide details. You may attach a separate sheet of paper, if necessary.

5. Employment and Practice Experience

Have you ever been employed as a prosecutor, public defender, law clerk, or judge or justice? Yes No

If yes, state the name of your employer and your job title, briefly describe the job, and provide approximate dates of employment.

What is the nature of your practice? Describe your practice generally, and include the percentage of your practice devoted to federal criminal appeals.

What is the nature of your appellate experience? State the approximate number of cases (civil and criminal) in which you have authored briefs before a federal appellate court; identify the number of cases in which you have participated in oral argument. Provide case numbers for any briefs filed in the Sixth Circuit in the past 5 years.

Are you a member of any other Criminal Justice Act **appellate** panel?

Yes No

If yes, list the Criminal Justice Act **appellate** panel(s) of which you are currently a member.

Are you a member of a Criminal Justice Act **district court** panel?

Yes No

If yes, list the Criminal Justice Act **district court** panel(s) of which you are currently a member.

Briefly describe any other federal experience that you believe is relevant to your qualification to serve on the Sixth Circuit CJA Panel.

6. References

List two legal references who can assess your skills relevant to this panel application. Provide the name, address, telephone number, and relationship for each reference.

7. Special Qualifications

A. Languages

Are you fluent in any foreign language? If yes, identify the language(s).

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In which languages other than English are you able to interact with your client:

(1) In writing without the aid of a translator?

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(2) Verbally without the aid of an interpreter?

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B. Areas of Expertise

Do you have a particular area of legal expertise, *e.g.*, immigration law, habeas corpus, etc.? If yes, please explain.

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C. Professional Publications

Please list all professional publications below.

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(3) Availability

I will accept appointment in 28 U.S.C. § 2254 appeals arising from the following state(s):

Kentucky

Michigan

Ohio

Tennessee

I will accept appointment in appeals in criminal proceedings, and in appeals from actions brought under 28 U.S.C. § 2255.

Yes

No

I will accept pro bono appointment in non-Criminal Justice Act cases, understanding that there is no statutory authority for the court to compensate me for my time, although it will reimburse me my necessary and reasonable expenses incurred in such representation.

Yes

No

(4) Certification, Signature, and Date

I certify that the information contained in this application is correct to the best of my knowledge. I also certify I have a working knowledge of the Federal Rules of Appellate Procedure, the Federal Rules of Evidence, the Federal Rules of Criminal Procedure, the United States Sentencing Guidelines, and the habeas corpus provisions found in Title 28 of the United States Code. I further certify that I have read the Criminal Justice Act Plan for the United States Court of Appeals for the Sixth Circuit. I am willing to accept at least one appellate appointment each year.

Signature:

Date: